WHEREAS, Inspired by love and God and country, those who drafted and signed the Constitution of the United States---one of the world's most unique and remarkable documents---are traditionally acknowledged as the Founding Fathers; and,

WHEREAS, Said Founding Fathers in writing the Constitution reached an effective working agreement on a form of government that challenges men to the utmost in citizenship and statesmanship; and,

WHEREAS, Said Founding Fathers believed that Liberty and Freedom are the gifts of the Spirit to those who fulfill their highest commitments to God and Man through the cleansing discipline of duty and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, An unholy alliance of complacency, intolerance, self-righteousness, indifference, bigotry, greed, and anarchy---all internal maladies--constitutes the gravest threat to the spirit that has sustained the Republic from its beginning; and,

WHEREAS, The work of the Founding Fathers established a government based on faith in God characterized by freedom of religion, the democratic process and progressive improvement; and,

WHEREAS, The Third Marine Division Association, Inc., and other patriotic organizations are conducting special patriotic ceremonies during the first full week in May:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-7, 1973, as

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in South Dakota and do urge every citizen to seriously and humbly contemplate the blessings of Democracy and to remember: "Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 13th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna Herseth, Assistant Secretary

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

DATE MICROFILMED 5-24-73
CAMERA OPERATOR